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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer in account with the town of Windham.

DR.

To cash in treasury, March 1st, 1875,	\$414 39	
Due from Horace Berry, Collector for 1874,	166 96	
Interest " " " 1874,	4 17	
To amount of Taxes assessed April 1, 1875,	5507 10	
Cash received of State Treasurer as Savings Bank Tax,	409 79	
Cash received of State Treasurer as Railroad Tax,	337 47	
Cash received of State Treasurer as Literary Fund,	71 81	
Cash received of County for sup- port of paupers,	29 99	
Interest due from Horace Berry, collector for 1874,	1 50	
Interest received of Horace Berry, for 1875,	7 06	
Interest due from Horace Berry, for 1875,	5 00	
Cash received of Selectmen,	2 00	
	————	\$6,957 24
Dog tax received for 1875,	57 00	
Paid 3 orders for damage to sheep	52 00	
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Balance in treasury March 1st, 1876,		\$5 00

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By paid State Tax,	\$1016 00
County Tax,	945 91
124 Orders,	3474 89
Highway receipts for 1874,	131 57
“ “ “ 1875,	1123 57
Due from Collector for 1874,	15 07
Interest due from Collector, 1874,	1 50
Due from Collector for 1875,	200 00
Interest due from Collector for 1875,	5 00
By cash in the Treasury, March 1st, 1876,	43 73
	<hr/> \$6,957 24

STANDING OF THE TREASURY.

Cash in Treasury, March 1st, 1876,	\$43 73
Due from Collector for 1874,	15 07
Interest due from Collector, for 1874,	1 50
“ “ “ “ 1875,	200 00
Interest, “ “ “ “ “	5 00
	<hr/> \$265 30

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received and due the Treasury,	6957 24
Paid 124 orders,	3474 89
Highway receipts,	1255 14
State Tax,	1016 00
County,	945 91
	<hr/> \$6,691 94
Balance in favor of the town, March 1st, 1876,	265 30

B. E. BLANCHARD, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, auditors, have examined the above
accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. P. CROWELL,

E. O. DINSMORE,

Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Samuel Campbell, balance due as selectman and car fare for 1874,	\$10 70	
Joseph L. Cottle, balance due as selectman for 1874,	5 00	
John L. Hardy, balance due as selectman for 1874,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$20 70

Paid Sam'l Campbell, services as selectman for 1875 :		
To one day writing & approving bonds,	\$2 00	
One day writing and posting warrants for town meeting,	2 00	
One-half day taking affidavit of Mr. Maynard,	1 00	
Drafting jurors,	50	
Six and one-half days taking invoice,	13 00	
Two days writing names of residents and non-residents for making taxes,	4 00	
Six days taking off invoice and making town and school-house taxes,	12 00	
Two days getting painters, paints, and seeing to the painting of the town house,	4 00	
One-half day to see about fixing a bridge by E. L. Watts, and one by H. C. Crowells,	1 00	

One and one-half days making highway surveyor's book,	\$3 00
One day putting taxes into surveyor's book,	2 00
One-half day making return of valuation, pr. cent of taxation, and standing of the town,	1 00
One-half day making return of am't produce, and no. of horses and cattle to Sec. of Agriculture,	1 00
One day recording highway bounds	2 00
One-half day at the library,	1 00
Distributing highway warrants,	1 50
Making returns to State, County and Town treasurer,	1 00
One-half day dividing school money,	1 00
Six days footing up taxes, making collector's book, writing bond and agreement with collector, and recording taxes,	12 00
Met the Londonderry selectmen to examine the bridge by Chas. Smith's,	1 00
Going to Merrimack to see plan of bridge,	2 00
Going to Bridle bridge to see about the circumstances of Munro Hills' horse being killed,	75
Met Hudson selectmen on consultation about Munro Hills' horse being killed,	1 00
One day giving orders,	2 00
Met at the Hudson town house to have a hearing on Munro Hills' case,	2 00
Going to Brentwood with Mr. Daniels,	2 00

Drafted jurors,	50	
Going to Kimball Webster's to settle with Hills and Hanson,	\$1 00	
Going to depot to send two tramps to Brentwood,	50	
One-half day a hearing on widening and straightening a road from Windham depot to Derry line,	1 00	
One day going to James Wilson's and to Derry for coffin for Mary Wilson,	2 00	
One-half day giving orders and regulating jury box,	1 00	
Drafting jurors,	50	
One-half day getting evidence of Charles Prescott's residence,	1 00	
Going to Exeter to settle Co. bills,	2 00	
Writing warrants for town meeting,	1 00	
Two days giving orders and mak'g town reports,	4 00	
Two days giving orders and posting town warrant,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$94 25

Paid Joseph L. Cottle, services as Selectman for 1875.

To approving bonds,	1 00
Going to Mr. Campbell's on town business,	1 00
Posting town warrant,	1 00
Seven days taking invoice,	14 00
Seven days making taxes,	14 00
Making appointments,	2 00
Distributing highway warrants,	1 00
Examining books at library,	1 00
Making returns,	1 00

Relative to painting town house,	\$1 00	
Making enrollment and giving orders,	1 00	
Going to see about bridge,	1 00	
Going to Hudson to meet selectmen,	2 00	
Regulating jury box and drafting jurors,	2 50	
A hearing on widening & straightening road,	1 00	
Business relative to county paupers,	2 00	
Giving orders and posting town warrant,	4 00	
Making town reports,	4 00	
	—	\$54 50

Paid William C. Humphrey, services as selectman for 1875.

To proving bonds,	\$1 00	
Posting town warrants,	1 00	
Going to John Maynard's,	1 00	
Taking invoice,	14 00	
Drafting jurors,	50	
Making taxes,	12 00	
Putting taxes into surveyor's books,	2 00	
Half day to Nesmith library,	1 00	
Half day approving bonds,	1 00	
Distributing highway surveyor's books,	1 00	
Drafting jurors,	50	
Going to bridge by Chas. Smith's	1 00	
Going to Bridle bridge,	1 00	
Going to Hudson to a hearing on Hanson & Hills' case,	2 00	
A hearing on widening & straightening r'd near Windham depot,	1 00	
Drafting jurors,	50	
Four days giving orders, and making town reports,	8 00	
	—	\$48 50

Paid Charles Packard superintending school committee,	\$40 00	
To L. A. Morrison, moderator, 1875,	4 00	
Horace Berry, collector of taxes, 1875,	50 00	
W. C. Harris, services as town clerk, 1875,	25 00	
J. P. Crowell, auditor, 1875,	4 00	
B. E. Blanchard, treasurer,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$148 00

Paid Samuel Campbell for making new valuation.		
To 25 days looking over land,	\$50 00	
2 days taking off names of resi- dents and non-residents,	4 00	
3 days putting new valuation on book,	6 00	
2 1-2 days recording new valuation,	5 00	
Half day footing up valuation,	1 00	
Going to Concord to selectmen's meeting,	2 00	
Going to Exeter to selectmen's meeting,	2 00	
Going to Concord to meeting of county committee,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$72 00

Paid Joseph L. Cottle for making new valuation.		
To 24 1-2 days looking over land,	\$49 00	
Three days putting valuation on book,	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$55 00

Paid William C. Humphrey for making new valuation.		
25 days looking over land,	\$50 00	
2 days putting valuation on book,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$54 00

PAID FOR EDUCATION.

District No. 1, town appropriation,	\$188 87
“ “ 1, literary money,	17 46
“ “ 1, dog tax,	8 72
“ “ 2, town appropriation,	191 94
“ “ 2, literary money,	7 76
“ “ 2, dog tax,	8 72
“ “ 3, town appropriation,	127 34
“ “ 3, literary money,	13 08
“ “ 3, dog tax,	8 72
“ “ 4, town appropriation,	66 59
“ “ 4, literary money,	6 84
“ “ 4, dog tax,	8 72
“ “ 5, town appropriation,	129 03
“ “ 5, literary money,	8 24
“ “ 5, dog tax,	8 72
“ “ 5 literary money for 1874,	6 98
“ “ 6, town appropriation,	121 34
“ “ 6, literary money,	11 15
“ “ 6, dog tax,	8 72
“ “ 7, town appropriation,	63 89
“ “ 7, literary money,	7 27
“ “ 7, dog tax,	8 72
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	\$456 21

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Richard Estey, building a bridge,	
1874,	\$6 00
W. C. Humphrey for lumber and	
labor on bridge by H. C.	
Crowells,	31 76
J. A. Moore, repairing highways	
in 1874,	3 26
Gage & Jones, lumber for bridge	
by C. Smith's,	81 22

Frank Sanborn, bolts and labor on bridge by C. Smith's,	\$8 88
Rob't Armstrong, repn'g highways	5 25
Rob't Morse, repairing highways and bridges,	17 00
W. C. Humphrey, labor on bridge by C. Smith's,	9 75
Chas. F. Wheeler, plank and labor on bridge,	4 25
Mr. Cummings, labor on bridge by Charles Smith's,	2 50
S. Campbell, for spikes, bolts, and labor on bridge by Chas. Smith's,	9 15
B. E. Blanchard, for labor on Bri- dle bridge,	10 00
James Emerson, for stringer and labor on highways,	21 19
W. D. Cochran, rep'ring highways,	6 00
S. Campbell, for lumber and labor on Bridle bridge,	27 10
Frank Sanborn, irons for putting railing on Bridle bridge,	1 76
J. L. Cottle, labor and spikes on bridge,	14 88
J. A. Nesmith, 200 feet of lumber for bridge,	4 00
Gage & Jones, 379 feet of plank for bridge,	7 58
S. Campbell, 942 feet of plank for bridge,	18 84
H. S. Reynolds, rep'ng highways,	10 00
W. C. Humphrey, labor on high- way,	3 00
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	\$303 37

SNOW PATHS.

Paid E. B. Smith,	\$8 50	
J. L. Cottle,	2 00	
George Richardson,	9 69	
Caleb B. Clark,	3 74	
Robert Armstrong,	3 57	
Robert Morse,	4 46	
E. O. Dinsmore,	2 50	
W. P. Simpson,	10 54	
J. R. Bagley,	6 12	
William Proctor,	7 17	
W. A. Dinsmoor,	2 00	
John L. Hardy,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$63 29

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid S. Bailey, poll tax, (over 70 yrs)	\$1 70	
Moses Runnels,	5 50	
William Butterfield,	2 70	
Mr. Dix, on team,	5 76	
Mr. Riley, " "	2 71	
W. C. Humphrey, dog tax, 1874,	1 00	
Frederick Hylands,	1 70	
Gilbert Lama,	2 70	
Ralph Olenä,	1 70	
B. F. Simpson,	2 98	
	<hr/>	\$28 45

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid John Maynard, shirt and overalls,	\$1 90
Charles Adams, coffin for Mary Wilson,	10 50
Ralph Olenä, board of John May- nard,	15 00
B. O. Simpson, supplies for O. W. Bert,	4 59

Paid W. C. Harris, supplies for O. W.

Bert,	\$1 50
J. L. Cottle, 7 tramps,	4 75
W. C. Humphrey, 6 tramps,	4 50
S. Campbell, 29 tramps,	21 75

\$64 49

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid George E. Seavy, for board of

Mrs. Peabody and children from

Apr. 1, 1874, to Apr. 1, 1875, \$100 00

Susan Davidson, for board of

D. C. Davidson, 123 42

James C. Cloyde, for board of

D. C Davidson, 32 00

Mr. Davis, for coffin for D. C.

Davidson, 10 00

For board of Noah Webster,

Charles Prescott and W. R.

Daniels, at County Farm, 180 00

George E. Seavey, board, clothing and doctor's bill of Mrs.

Peabody and three children, 110 00

\$555 42

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid J. L. Cottle, for getting D. Gage's wagon and wood out of Simpson's mill pond,

\$6 00

Trustees of Nesmith library, interest on fund for 1875,

60 00

Frank Brown, for painting town house,

29 00

Mrs. Bert, cleaning town house,

6 87

B. O. Simpson, for lead, sand-paper, &c., for town house,

2 54

Barr & Co., for lead and oil to paint town house,

57 16

Mr. Fellows, p'nting town house,

60 68

Jas. Cochran, board of painters,	16 00
Cassius S. Campbell, for printing 800 highway receipts,	3 00
C. S. Campbell, for printing 350 supplementary catalogues and 500 library tags,	22 50
C. S. Campbell, for making cata- logue, arranging and number- ing the books,	5 00
William H. Fisk, town reports and tax bills,	102 00
Jos. C. Armstrong, repair money for school district No. 6,	50 00
Hanson & Hills, for loss of horse and wagon on Bridle bridge,	100 00
Stephen Brown, labor on town house,	1 25
S. Campbell, money paid guides in showing non-resident lots,	5 35
Charles Packard, services and ex- penses getting books,	8 20
Horace Berry, for postage stamps and envelopes to notify non- residents of taxes,	3 13
Horace Berry, for counsel,	3 00
William Worledge, for public watering trough,	2 00
Wm. A. Dinsmore, public water- ing trough,	2 00
B. H. Hughes, public watering trough,	2 00
Clarissa Hills, services as libra- rian and covering books,	36 00
S. Campbell, money paid for car fare and expenses to Concord, Exeter and Brentwood, and counsel,	17 65

Paid S. Campbell, for blank books, postage and stationery,	\$6 13	
J. L. Cottle, for two chairs for library room,	2 00	
P. S. Call, express,	50	
James Cochran, taking care town house, hearse house, & cutting wood,	12 00	
Horace Berry, discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1, 1875,	144 15	
S. Campbell, use of horse and wagon,	18 00	
J. L. Cottle, use horse & wagon,	30 00	
W. C. Humphrey, " "	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$832 11

SHEEP KILLED BY DOGS.

Paid Benjamin Blanchard, 2 sheep,	\$10 00	
B. E. Blanchard, 1 sheep,	7 00	
Rei Hills, 7 sheep,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$52 00

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount received and due the treasurer for 1875,		\$6,957 24
Paid State tax,	\$1016 00	
County tax,	945 91	
Town officers,	546 95	
For education,	1028 82	
Highways and bridges,	303 37	
Snow paths,	63 29	
Abatement of taxes,	28 45	
County paupers,	64 49	
Town paupers,	555 42	
Miscellaneous,	832 11	
Damage done by dogs,	52 00	
Highway receipts,	1255 14	
	<hr/>	\$6,691 95
Leaving a balance in favor of town,		\$265 29

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL CAMPBELL,
JOSEPH L. COTTLE,
WILLIAM C. HUMPHREY,
Selectmen of Windham.

We, the undersigned, Auditors, have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correct with sufficient vouchers.

J. P. CROWELL,
E. O. DINSMORE,
Auditors.

MINISTERIAL FUND.

Report of Agent.	DR.
To two bonds against the city of Manchester,	\$1500 00
Money in Manchester Savings Bank,	487 94
Interest on bonds,	90 00
Interest on bank,	9 24
	————— \$2,087 18

	CR.
By two bonds against the city of Manchester,	\$1500 00
Money in Manchester Savings Bank	487 94
Paid interest, Presbyterian Religious Society, on bonds,	90 00
Paid interest Manchester Savings Bank,	9 24
	————— \$2,087 18

SAMUEL CAMPBELL,
Agent of Fund.

March 1, 1876.

REPORT

OF THE

T R U S T E E S

OF THE

NESMITH LIBRARY.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Money in hands of the trustees, March,		
1875,	\$3 24	
Received from town as interest on fund,	60 00	
for records for library,	2 00	
for expenses in procuring books,	2 20	
from fines,	6 61	
	-----	\$74 05
Paid Noyes, Holmes & Co for books,	\$2 80	
Lockwood, Brooks & Co “ “	58 05	
Records for library,	2 00	
Expenses in procuring books	2 20	
Money in hands of the trustees,	9 00	
	-----	\$74 05
Number of volumes in library at com-		
mencement of the year,	1936	
Number at the present time,	2003	
Number taken from the library during		
the year,	4148	

To the Inhabitants of Windham :

In presenting their fifth annual report of the Nesmith Library, it is a pleasure to the trustees to say that it is still the resort of those for whom the donor intended it ; and though the number of volumes taken from it the past year is some less than the previous year, this should not be construed as any certain evidence of a decline of interest in the library, for the circumstances of the people are not always equally favorable for reading, when their interest in it may be the same or increasing. The librarian still faithfully discharges her duty, as the excellent condition of the library evinces.

Within the year a second supplement has been published for the convenience of patrons, printed in our own town and by one of our own sons, and for mechanical execution comparing favorably with the first.

The trustees think it will be found that the value, as well as the number of volumes, is steadily though slowly increasing, as it is their care and study, with the limited amount of funds at their disposal, to select the choicest and most valuable books that can be obtained, such as will meet the wants of all classes, and be of permanent as well as temporary interest. If the town was to add to the funds for increasing it by an appropriation, occasionally, of one or two hundred dollars, we think it would be a wise and useful investment of funds ; for the more attractive we can render the fine side of home by valuable and interesting books to employ leisure hours, the more we subserve our own interests and those of our posterity by the intelligence, enterprise and virtue which such influences promote.

CHARLES PACKARD,
WILLIAM C. HARRIS,
SAMUEL CAMPBELL,
JOSEPH L. COTTLE,
WILLIAM C. HUMPHREY,

Board of Trustees.

Windham, March 1, 1876.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The School Committee of Windham present the following report of the schools for the year 1875-6.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Summer term of this school was taught by Miss E. L. Kimball of Salem. Miss K. brought to this school a large experience in teaching, and the reputation of a successful teacher, which she in good measure sustained, although there was some dissatisfaction with her method of instruction, her theory being to aid scholars in their studies only so far as necessary to stimulate them to self-exertion, and not so far as to supercede this, which is doubtless the true theory for making thorough scholars. Perhaps the scale was not always evenly balanced, and very likely from this seeming unwillingness to aid arose the impression with some of her inability to aid, which was we think a mistaken one. The order of the school was good, though some of the modes of discipline adopted were exceptionable. But the teacher labored faithfully, and a good degree of progress was made by the scholars generally in their studies.

The Winter term was taught by Dr. Henry S. Davis of this town. The school opened with 39 scholars—the largest number for some years; and the appearance of the school at its opening indicated, what has proved to be, a successful school. The knowledge and zeal which the teacher brought to his work inspired the scholars, large and small, with an interest in their studies, and led to a good degree of advancement. In consequence of contagious sickness in the district, near the close of the term, the school was suspended for two weeks, but was resumed and finished.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

The three terms of this school were taught by the same teacher, Miss Mary E. Reynolds of this town, the same who taught it the last year. It is not always that a teacher sustains her reputation for teaching so well during six successive terms in the same school as Miss R. has done. At the close of the last term, as well as previous ones, there was furnished to the committee as well as visitors evidence of her skill, zeal and success in teaching, that was very gratifying to witness. The order and deportment of the school, as well as the advancement in studies, reflected credit on the scholars as well as on their teacher. To other exercises she added singing with interest and profit.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The teacher of the Summer term of this school was Mr. F. J. Hughes of this town. It was interesting to notice at the opening of the school how entirely the teacher had gained the confidence of the scholars, and to find that this had been maintained to the close of it. A male teacher is peculiarly adapted to some schools, and so it seemed in this. Mr. H. interested his scholars in their studies, and under his tuition they made good proficiency. The order of the school was good.

The Fall term was taught by Mr. Horace Berry of this town who entered upon his duties in the school-room with a commendable degree of zeal and earnestness, and evinced, by his thoroughness in the drill and illustration of first principles, his purpose to advance his scholars in their studies in a manner to understand and remember what they had learned. The school under Mr. B. was successful. Good order, and a good degree of interest and progress prevailed.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Lottie E. Harris of this town was teacher of the first

term of this school. Though small, and requiring for this reason more effort on the part of the teacher to keep her scholars interested in their studies, yet Miss H. succeeded well in her work. The school was orderly, interested, and made good progress under her instruction.

The second term was commenced by Miss Harris, but after keeping a few weeks she found her health inadequate to her duties and for this reason resigned her place, to the regret of the committee and district.

Miss Lizzie P. Marden of Nashua was fortunately obtained to take her place, whose success in teaching in previous years in town gave promise of success that was fully realized. The good order, thoroughness, and interest she felt and inspired in the minds of her scholars rendered the result very gratifying. It was evident that the school had made good advancement in their studies.

DISTRICT NO. 5

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Mary B. Titcomb of this town. Miss T. was conscientious and faithful in her efforts, and was successful in maintaining good order and advancing her scholars in their studies. A larger number of scholars would have added to the interest of both teacher and pupils, as is true of some other schools in town, but small as it was, it was attended with success.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

This school, including both terms, was taught by Miss Emma E. Hanson of Lincoln. Miss H. though a stranger came well recommended as having enjoyed advantages at the State normal school. In her method of instruction prominence was given to oral teaching. This, when not carried so far as to supersede the careful study of text books, but is employed to illustrate and apply what is learned from them, is evidently an improvement; for knowledge, however extensive, is of little practical use if we can-

not reduce it to practice. On the contrary, oral teaching must not be allowed to supersede the study of books, if we would not make superficial scholars. Miss H. endeavored to confine the two as they should be, though perhaps, in her zeal to advance her scholars, leaned a little too much to the oral side. She was earnest and untiring in her efforts to infuse into the minds of her scholars an interest in their studies, and under her instruction they made good improvement. This was especially true of some classes. The order of the school was good, though not perfect; and its appearance at the close, was very creditable to the teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The teacher of this school, having but one term in the year, was Miss Ella A. White of Derry. It is very difficult for any teacher to sustain an interest in so small a school as this, yet Miss W. evidently discharged her duty to the few she had to instruct; and the scholars were orderly and gave good evidence of improvement in their studies.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The general condition of the schools of the town compares favorably with that of last year; and this is a noticeable fact when it is remembered that ten out of the fourteen terms were taught by teachers belonging to our own town, while it was as six to ten last year.

The good example set by Districts Nos. 2 and 7 in improving their school-houses has been followed during the year by District No. 6 having repainted their school-house, and thus adding much to its appearance, suggesting a similar improvement to that of No. 3, besides repairs needed within, which it is hoped will be made.

Another improvement that the committee would earnestly recommend to every district is to supply the teacher's desk with an Unabridged Dictionary of the English language,

for the benefit of both teacher and scholars. A few of the desks are already supplied, but there should be no exceptions. Ten dollars could not be better invested by any district.

The attention of prudential committees is called to the condition of the blackboards in the school-houses, some of them needing new ones, or to have the old ones repainted, especially in No. 2.

The attention of prudential committees is also called to their duty of notifying the superintending committee of the time when schools close, as well as when they begin. The failure of the committee in one instance this year to visit the school before it closed was due to the fact that he was not informed of the day of its closing. It must not be assumed that this day is known to the committee because it is known to the district.

It is gratifying to find so much interest manifested by parents and friends in the schools, as appears from the "Visitors' Register," especially this year in Districts No's 2, 4, 5 and 6. Parents and all lovers of education should encourage the teacher, as well as the scholars, in their work, by visiting the schools, speaking words of sympathy and encouragement, and giving them their cordial co operation and support.

This is the year in which we are called to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the declaration of our National Independence. In looking over our history as a people during this period, and tracing our liberties to their source, as well as the means of their preservation, we cannot fail to see how much of all we enjoy as an enlightened and free people is due to our common schools. Take these away, as some in our land are seeking to do, and the foundations on which the superstructure of our liberties has been reared will be shaken, and ere long we will relapse into ignorance, superstition and oppression. No, as on this year that reminds us of the independence declared and at length achieved by our fathers, we rally around the

flag of our country, so let us rally around our common schools, as the pledge and security of our liberties. Our safety, as an enlightened and free people, depends on our virtue and intelligence, with a government like our own—a government of the people by the people; and essential to these are our public schools, as well as the enlightening and elevating influences of Christianity, from which they derive their life and power.

The following are the names of scholars who have been reported, as follows:

Not whispering during the Summer term, and receiving a prize for the same, Lillie Hasseltine, Flora Coan.

Not absent during the Winter term, Frank Knapp.

Not absent nor tardy during the Winter term, George Hasseltine, Rufus Bailey, John Worledge, Abbie F. Emery, Aletto V. Simpson.

Not absent or tardy for the year, Abbie F. Emery, Edwin F. Wilson.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.	TEACHERS.	
	Summer.	Fall.
No. 1.—Olive Parker,	E. L. Kimball.	Henry S. Davis.
No. 2.—Ebenezer B. Smith.	Mary E. Reynolds.	Mary E. Reynolds.
No. 3.—Amos C. Bodwell.	F. J. Hughes.	Horace Berry.
No. 4.—Samuel Campbell.	Lottie E. Harris.	Lizzie P. Marden.
No. 5.—James Barker.	Mary B. Titcomb.	Emma E. Hanson.
No. 6.—John G. Bradford.	Emma E. Hanson.	
No. 7.—Horace B. Johnson.	Ella A. White.	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	SUMMER.							FALL.							WINTER.						
No. of District	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2	3	5	1	2	4	6							
Length of School in weeks of 5 days	9	10	9	11	10	10	11	7	*7	17	12	13	13	14							
Wages per month including board	32	30	32	28	24	32	24	30	36	24	40	36	31	33							
No. of Scholars over 4 years	29	13	24	11	12	28	6	13	19	12	39	16	12	24							
Average Attendance	22	10	20	9	10	23	4	9	17	8	31	14	10								
No. between 4 and 14 not attending	3	1		1	2			6	2	2			6								
No. visits by S. S. Committee	3	2	2	2	4	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	2							
No. visits by Prud. Committee	2			1	1	1					1	1	2	1							
No. visits by citizens	22	22	8	33	29	25	5			32	2	25	29	39							
No. attending to Reading	29	13	26	11	12	28	6	13	19	12	39	16	12	24							
No. attending to Spelling	29	13	26	11	12	28	6	13	19	12	39	16	12	26							
No. attending to Penmanship	18	7	15	10	5	10	3	10	9	5	15	7	9	16							
No. attending to Arithmetic	25	10	24	10	10	20	4	11	18	11	36	15	12	20							
No. attending to Geography	11	5	14	10	2	7	2	9	6	4	10	7	6	12							
No. attending to Grammar	9	3	8	3	2	13		1	7	1	11	5	6	12							
No. attending to Composition		3		2				1													
No. attending to U. S. History		1	3	2				1	3				2	3							
No. attending to Physiology																					
No. attending to Book-Keeping	2					1				1	8	1	3	1							
No. attending to Drawing		3				7		3													
No. attending to Vocal Music		13						13				16									
No. attending to Algebra										1	2	2									
No. attending to Philosophy	1					5															
No. attending to Botany																				3	2

*Fractions omitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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